[Mr. Puliyoor T. P. Velayudhan Pillai].

(*b*) whether the Public Service Advisory Board has considered the question and submitted their proposals to Government in the matter; and

(*c*) if the answers to (a) and (b) are in the affirmative, the result and the action taken respectively?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI (*Ag. Public Service Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government have accepted the recommendation of the Public Service Advisory Committee that all candidates who were at any time appointed on the advice of the Public Service Commissioner before the completion of their 35th year, as well as those who have earned a total acting or temporary service of not less than 2 years before they attained that age should be exempted from the operation of the bar for recruitment on the completion of 35 years of age.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of candidates falling under the first category, that is, those appointed on the advice of the Public Service Commissioner before the completion of their 35th year?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: 78.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of candidates falling under the second category, that is, those who have put in a service of not less than two years?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: 137.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pathanamtitta*): With respect to the answer to part (c), mayI know if the principle of communal rotation contained in the G. O. dated the 21st September 1940 has been applied to these candidates?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: That principle is followed.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether any arrangement has been made to see that the communal ratio will be kept in view when appointments are made or when these persons are absorbed in the public service?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: Communal rotation is being followed.

Recruitment of candidates above 35 years of age.

233. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed final orders on the recommendations made by the Public Service Advisory Committee regarding the recruitment of candidates above 35 years of age to the public service?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: Yes.

Recruitment of candidates above 35 years of age to the Public Service.

234. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have passed final orders on the recommendations made by the Public Service Advisory Committee regarding the recruitment of candidates above 35 years of age to the public service; and

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(*b*) what those recommendations are?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: The member is referred to the answer to question No. 232.

Ilmenite Factories at Chavara.

235. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether more than 7,000 daily labourers are out of employment due to the reduction of work in the Ilmenite Factories at Chavara?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: About 4,000 labourers.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN; May I know the number of labourers employed in those factories at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The number now employed is 1,234.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: So far as these 4,000 labourers who are out of employment are concerned, may I know whether Government have taken any action?

PRESIDENT: What action can the Government take? We have got to wait until the United States supply more shipping.

Cultivations in the Tiruvalla Taluk.

236. * **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of paddy, sugarcane, tapioca and banana cultivations respectively in the Tiruvalla Taluk before 1100; and

(*b*) whether at present that extent has increased or decreased?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*): (*a*) Statistics of the area under paddy, sugarcane and tapioca during 1099 are available on page 43 of the fifth issue of the "Statistics of Travancore." Separate figures for banana are not available.

(*b*) The extent under the crops during 1114 M. E. (latest available statistics), is appreciably more than that of the years preceding 1100 M. E.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the respective areas under the cultivation of paddy, sugarcane and tapioca in the Thiruvalla taluk in 1114?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: In 1099, the area under paddy cultivation was 31,964 acres, under sugarcane 2,234 acres and under tapioca 22,299 acres; for 1114 M. E. the average increased to 32,200, 6,546 and 38,560 respectively.

Tapioca cultivation.

237. * **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start experimental tapioca cultivation on improved lines under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture and to ascertain the profit derivable therefrom; and

(*b*) if so, whether any locality has been selected for the purpose?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

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